


### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph 2 on page 10 (lines 8 -15) of the Specification with the following Paragraph:

 -- Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate identical measurement scales, representing U.S. linear measurements and having 1/8 inch gradations, on top side 42 and bottom side 43, respectively, of tape 40. However, as will be obviously to one of skill in the art, tape 40 may include any other useful, convenient scale in U.S. or metric terms as desired. Likewise, the overall length of tape 40 may be made in varying lengths desired for a particular use. For example, in one embodiment of a tape measure made according to the present invention, the overall length of tape 40 is 25 feet. --

### REMARKS

Before entry of this Amendment, claims 1 – 5 were pending under examination in the Application. Applicant, through his Attorney, has carefully considered the Office Communication of 16 April 2003, in which the Examiner requests submission of a clean version of the replacement paragraph submitted previously with the Response of 29 March 2003, to comply with the requirements of Rule 1.121. The Examiner's helpful guidance is appreciated. A clean version of the replacement paragraph has been submitted above and a marked-up version of the replacement paragraph, showing additions or deletions, is appended hereto. Accordingly, all claims of the present application are now believed to be in a condition for allowance and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at her convenience, should any issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment to permit early resolution of same. If any extension of time is required to obtain entry of this Amendment, the undersigned hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant any necessary time extension.

Respectfully submitted,



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### **Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**

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